

# Community bulletin

## Fitzsimons Lane Bank Improvements and Water Stairs

April 2020

**Melbourne Water is committed to enhancing life and liveability in your area. To maintain our assets, as well as the natural amenity and liveability of the area, we will soon undertake works to improve canoe and kayak access to the Yarra River at Westerfolds Park, Templestowe.**

These works will help towards achieving the strategic objectives and vision of the Regional Paddle Sports Centre, which has been identified as a premium paddling and recreation area in the Melbourne Water 'Improving access to the Yarra River project' report, developed in 2018.

This particular site has been identified as a priority location to improve access along the Yarra River.

We recognise that there will be some short term disturbances, but in the long term community members and users of the Regional Paddle Sports Centre will benefit from improved safety, natural amenity and liveability of the area.

### Bank improvements and water stairs construction

To improve canoe and kayak access to the Yarra River, we will be installing mudstone steps with a handrail on one side, down the bank into the river beneath Fitzsimons Lane bridge. We will also improve the amenity of this area by creating formalised judging and spectator seating areas adjacent to the bridge with seating elements and revegetation of the area, all creating a green relaxing space for the community to enjoy.



Mudstone steps under bridge



Formal judging and spectator seating areas

### What can I expect?

During the works, local community members and users of the Yarra River for recreational pursuits will notice increased activity in the area with the potential for some noise and dust as well as truck and machinery on site. We will have traffic management in place as required.

The car park will be closed during the works, however, there is alternate parking at Westerfolds Park.

We will make every effort to minimise the impact of these works on the local community and the environment.

## Timing of works

Works are expected to commence in May 2020 and will take around one month to complete, weather dependent.

## Location of works



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